

RHODE ISLAND AREA ACA INTERGROUP
Meeting Minutes **draft**
5/6/2023 @ 9:30 AM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Linda M., Deana G., Pike P., Ann M. (No. Kingstown Sat Group)

Pike called meeting to order: Meeting Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Everyone read last month's Minutes.

Motion was made and unanimously accepted to approve the minutes of last meeting.

A: Reports:

Treasury Report:

Funds in our Citizen's Bank account are \$1,160 and there is \$104.77 in our Paypal account. The recent cash donations amount to \$ 192. and there is an incoming amount today of \$100. Ann asked about Intergroup having a prudent reserve and it had been set a few months back at around \$300. Deana said she found a deal online to print the brochures for the rally at 1000 full color printed, folded for \$250. We agreed to vote on this under New Business at this meeting.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Treasury Report

Literature Report: Joe was not present so there is no report

Technology and Newsletter Report:

Deana reported the data showed there were 682 viewers this month with an average of 180 active repeating users. There are now 407 subscribers of which 363 are active users and recipients of the Newsletter! 167 recipients of the Newsletter opened it up. 360 Event flyers were mailed and 199 were opened. We don't enlist people asking for passwords to Zoom meetings unless they subscribe. Deana is happy to report there have been no spammers or issues to report in nearly 4 months!

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Technology /Newsletter Report

NE Regional: Chris was not present so no report given.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept the Northeast Regional Report

WSO Report: No report. We still need to recruit a WSO Rep to attend online quarterly meetings.

Outreach Report:

The Outreach Committee met April 15th at the IHop Restaurant in Warwick to focus on the Rally for Recovery preliminary planning. Deana refreshed the printed 3-fold meeting list brochure we had for 2022. The group made edits and Deana explained that the added meeting list brochure has a new QR code added that is for people who are interested in starting up new in person meetings. The QR code brings them to the website page with application forms and information to apply for aid to support new groups.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Outreach Report

Old Business:

The April 2 Second Spring Event will be in the same St. James in Centredale church.

There will be no May Breakfast like last year as the Salvation Army has changed some of the facility use rules, especially for use of the parking lot on Saturdays.

Intergroup members really wants us to hold a similartype of spring gathering.

Ann said North Kingstown group had had a large anniversary celebration before and now very strong and is interested in doing an event or "social" on a Saturday if not at church she has looked into alternative places.

Pike mentioned some musicians who have attended former events were interested to participate though expressed that it not be an Intergroup led event. This created a stir in the discussion as it instigated old riffs with the other fellow travelers who usurped the morning zoom meeting last year. Deana reminded the group the May breakfast was an Intergroup idea and responded negatively to that notion. Ann expressed that we want all to feel invited and of course it be supported by Intergroup. Discussion was energized by old conflicts and misunderstanding. Linda pointed out that was an opportunity to test our boundaries with our IG support and group autonomy as defined by the traditions. Intergroup members, for future reference, will look into how to clarify what, how, whom and when we give out support.

Linda talked about the Wednesday meeting in person and their request for a short Preamble. Pike offered to get the version our NK Monday night meeting was using that Steve C. wrote. Linda will consider offering a version of that to the group.

New Business:

We revisited the 3-fold meeting list brochure for 2023.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to print the 1000 RI Area ACA Brochures

Motion made and unanimously accepted to close the meeting.

Next meeting June, 2023 9:30 AM

Meeting closed at 10:30 AM with the ACA version of the Serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pike, secretary